

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Appln. No.: 09/709,513
Attorney Docket No.: Q61694

REMARKS

Claims 1, 6-13, 18 and 19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Shidara (JP 09298720). To expedite prosecution of this case Applicant amends claims 1, 12 and 13 to describe the invention more particularly.

The Examiner asserted that Shidara teaches all elements of Claims 1, 6-13, 18 and 19. The applicant has amended the independent claims 1, 12 and 13, and then submits the patentability thereof as set forth below.

In the amended independent claims, inter alia, the amended claim 1, a printing apparatus includes a receiving unit, a detecting unit, and a selector. The detecting unit detects the contents from the broadcast signal received by said receiving unit based on an order of priority, which a user sets. The selector selects printing contents from the received contents according to the order of priority and allows said printing contents to be printed. In this configuration, the claimed invention provides printing out contents preferable to a user without printing out contents unnecessary thereto.

On the contrary, referring to Shidara, paragraph 9, paragraph 17 lines 3-7, paragraph 33 lines 1-2, and paragraph 51, the reference teaches a decoder for decoding a signal of label data. However, it fails to teach or suggest the feature of detection of contents from the broadcast signal based on an order of priority which a user sets. Further more, the reference fails to teach or suggest the feature of the selector as claimed.

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For the above reason, the applicant respectfully submits that the claimed invention recited in the amended claim 1 would be patentably over Shidara and request the Examiner to consider the proposed amendments.

On the same ground of the above argument, regarding use of a priority, the patentability of the other independent claims 12 and 13 is also appropriate.

The remaining claims are patentable based on their dependency as the secondary references of Walkingshaw, Akabori, Yamamoto and Honma do not make up for deficiencies in the primary reference.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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